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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1792

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DOWNSTREAM PRESSURE CONTROL AND  
SUB-ATMOSPHERIC REACTIVE GAS  
ABATEMENT

Examiner: K. T. Chen

### **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 - 11 and 16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**A Request For Continued Examination** and the appropriate fee are attached to this paper.

Application No. 10/563,519  
Amendment dated December 21, 2009  
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A **Three-Month Petition For Extension Of Time** and the appropriate fee are attached to this paper.